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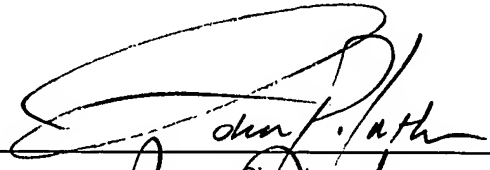
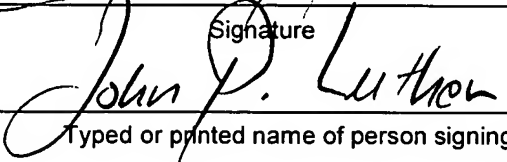
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In accordance with the submitted Information Disclosure Statement, kindly consider the following indicated references, copies of which are enclosed, in conjunction with the examination of this application.

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AA U. S. Patent 6, 369, 401



This reference discloses a three-dimensional measuring system and method which projects one or more laser lines onto a surface on which an object to be measured is located, and in which the laser lines are detected by a camera to determine height and volume.

AB U. S. Patent Application Publication  
No. 2003/0024744

A control for a weight scale is disclosed which is associated with a conventional continuously moving conveyor belt to mathematically position a sample period on each waveform of a product.

AC U.S. Patent Application Publication  
No. 2002/0014444

A method and apparatus for classifying a plurality of poultry eggs is disclosed which includes a means for detecting opacities of eggs and means for detecting temperature of eggs, and classifying eggs using opacities and temperature.

BB PCT/GB99/00766

This International application discloses a method and apparatus in which a succession of products traverse a gap between two conveyor belts, and which further comprises a ring disposed perpendicular to the direction of conveyor movement, and in which the ring is rotatable, and further in which the shape and/or size of a product is determined to enable the product to be cut into an optimum number of pieces.

BC Article: Opton's non-contact, whole field  
3-D Moire measurement (1982)

Disclosed is an optical sensor which is laser-aided for 3-D object measurement.

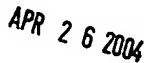
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